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Thy Hand Compelled It.

If there be good in that I wrought,
Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine,
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought
I know, through Thee, the blame is mine.

The depth and dream of my desire,
The wider paths wherein I stray,
Thou knowest, who hast made the fire,
Thou knowest, who hast made the clay.

Take not the vision from my ken,
Of whatsoe'er may spoil or speed.
Help me to need no aid from men,
That I may aid such men as need!

—Rudyard Kipling.

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ONE DAY AT A TIME.

One day at a time! That's all it can be;
No faster than that is the hardest fate;
And days have their limits, however we
Begin them too early and stretch them too late.
One day at a time! It's a wholesome rhyme—
A good one to live by; a day at a time.
—Helen Hunt Jackson.

The American Bible Society has received special contributions to supply Bibles for the stricken people of California.

The Y. M. C. A. of San Francisco will soon have pledged the $500,000 needed for its reestablishment. Secretary McCoy has succeeded in raising about $350,000 in the East.

The Colored Baptist Church of San Francisco suffered heavy loss in the recent conflagration. Of the one hundred and fifty members only two now have homes and one of the two is a non-resident.

Professor Bade of Pacific Theological Seminary gave a fine paper on the Hittites at the Monday meeting of the Congregational ministers of San Francisco and vicinity. On Monday, July 23, the Rev. J. R. Knodell will give a paper on the subject, "Ministers Out of the Ministery.

Plymouth Church, San Francisco, has had its problems increased by the locating in the neighborhood of the church of a large number of Japanese. The indications are that a permanent colony of these Orientals will be established in that immediate neighborhood.

Doubtless some of the 17,200 refugees in the camps in San Francisco are living under better conditions than some of them have lived for a long time heretofore; but life there is hard and undesirable at the best. The present writer walked through several of the camps a few days ago and came away feeling thankful that he had a house and a home in which to live.

The Rev. Ray Palmer, the evangelist states that the percentage of conversions among men has greatly increased during the last year. He found men in California more impressionable religiously after the recent great calamity than before. His words are: "It seemed to awaken the people, to set them thinking about the hereafter and as a result many of them attended my meetings and became converted."

Pilgrim Church, Oakland, has received a delightful letter of thanks from some Japanese who were cared for by the church at the time of the San Francisco relief work. These Japanese had arrived from the Orient only a few days before the fire. After enjoying the hospitality of the Pilgrim people they could only with great difficulty be brought to believe that they were not required to pay for it.

A friend in a neighboring state tells us in a letter how certain financial losses came to him and adds: "So easily the Lord can take away our money, without earthquakes and fires—when he wants to do it." Concerning a land speculation, the only one we believe in which he ever engaged, he says: "I promised the Lord that if he would let me out of that speculation I would never go into another one." He was let out, but not without loss, at least at present prices. Eventually it may be otherwise. But it is very difficult for the present writer to see any speculation—certainly no objectionable speculation—in the investment which this friend made. However people view things differently; and man's views are not as God's views.

The women of the country who are championing woman's suffrage are of opinion that the movement has a good chance of winning in Oregon. Alice Stone Blackwell of Dorchester, Massachusets, who returned to her home recently from Oregon, writes in The Christian Register: "An equal suffrage amendment has been submitted in Oregon three times. Twenty-two years ago it was defeated almost three to one; six years ago it was defeated only by a few thousand votes; this year, in spite of the strong combination against it and the great sums of money spent by the opposition, it got a larger vote than ever before. The negative vote also increased; but in the twenty-two years since the question was first submitted, the anti-suffrage vote has less than doubled, while the suffrage vote has more than trebled. Under the initiative and referendum law of Oregon, it can be submitted to popular vote as often as its friends wish, and the women of Oregon are already taking measures to have it brought before the voters at the next election."

Writing in the San Francisco Bulletin on "The Law of Compensation," the Rev. William Rader says: "Perhaps there is more providence in our lives than we think. The trouble is we read in providence a wrong motive. God does not wish to destroy anything. God does not wish any man to be tortured. What he desires is our well-being. If God there be, does he wish for the new and grander San Francisco? I think he does. He wishes for the best, for the creation, not the destruction. We are called out of our shell to a better and nobler career; and if we look into our personal lives it will be found that our real troubles have been our real blessings. The philosophy of trouble is progress. The difficulty is that this philosophy is not revealed at the time we suffer the trouble. The years gradually tell the story and reveal unto us the meaning of life. History is God's confession. Tomorrow we shall understand today. The compensation of calamity is advance, enlightenment, progress. Concerning San Francisco Mr. Rader says: "Twenty-five years from now the citizens of San Francisco will look back upon the calamity

as a great blessing. Individuals may have suffered, but the nation and the state will have advanced. So has it ever been. We shall be greater for our sufferings. Out of the ashes will come forth beauty."

MID-SUMMER MISSIONARY RALLY

The women of the Los Angeles district held their annual mid-summer missionary rally at Echo Park, Los Angeles, on July 13. Mrs. Carrie T. Lamb, district vice-president, presided over the morning session, which was in charge of the W. H. M. U. Between forty and fifty ladies gathered under the trees to listen to the theme of the rally, "Joy and Fellowship in Work and Worship," as it was developed by the various speakers.

Mrs. Wm. Davies, of Los Angeles, in applying this theme to "Our Auxiliaries," spoke of giving to Christ as worship. There are two kinds of giving, to those in need, and to those not in need. Who can doubt as to which kind is giving to Christ? We should not be nearsighted in our giving, but gladly support our Boards which take all the responsibility of wise selection of field and workers. Giving brings fellowship with the ends of the earth, with other workers and with Christ.

"Our Young People" was the topic discussed by Mrs. H. L. Hoyt of Pomona. The great responsiveness and enthusiasm of young people makes it a joy to work with and for them. Let them respond as freely as they will; don't discourage them, and don't bring any subject before them unless you expect a response. Work with young people brings results.

Mrs. Mary P. Haines, of Los Angeles, in speaking on "State Self Support" said that true worship is work, and accomplishes something. Prayer without work is empty. We ought to give with greater regularity, because our Missionaries need their salaries every month.

Forty-five young men are living at the Japanese Mission in Los Angeles. Miss Alice Harwood reported that besides the regular day and evening schools, they have three hospital beds, usually full, and a Japanese school at Bethlehem. The school which has been started in a Japanese laborers' camp at Sherman, numbers over thirty, some of whom had never received any notice from Christians in the six years they had been here.

Mrs. Findlay said that there was new life in Chinatown as a result of the coming of new families from San Francisco. The small footed women from the north had most harrowing experiences at the time of the fire, and had to depend on the thoughtfulness of Christian people. They are now disposed to give up this injurious custom, and to think more kindly of Christian people. Some of them wish to learn English. The devotees of the various shrines are becoming less devoted, and the children say, "What for bow down? These gods no hear!" The Chinese women are now looking forward to their annual picnic, to be held August 14th.

Mrs. Bradley gave a few glimpses of her daily life as a deaconess in the Bethlehem Institutional Church. She has three new parishes to visit, Dolgeville, a large and needy field near Railroad and Main Streets, and the Spanish work on New High Street. Her work brings her in close contact with seven or eight different nationalities, but to all she is a friend to be trusted and loved.

The meeting then adjourned for a picnic lunch, followed by the afternoon program, which was devoted to foreign missions.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

California.

Sherman.—Eight persons came into the fellowship of the Sherman church the first of July.

Oakland Fourth.—During the pastor's vacation at Shasta Retreat the Rev. Mr. Sinclair is occupying the pulpit.

Sierra Madre.—The work at Sierra Madre goes on encouragingly. Since Dr. Campbell took charge the congregations have doubled.

Los Angeles, Pico Heights.—This church has had considerable growth during the last six months, more than 60 persons having been received to membership.

Loleta.—Six persons were received to membership July 8. Electric lights have been put in the church and a new carpet has been laid in the pulpit and choir loft. This field is ministered to by the Rev. C. M. DeBois of Fields Landing.

Oakland First.—This church sustains great loss in the death of Miss Rose Taylor who passed away last Saturday after an illness of only a few days. Miss Taylor had been church clerk and pastor's secretary for many years and had greatly endeared herself to every one with whom she came in contact. She will be widely missed.

Long Beach, Plymouth.—The new building which cost about $5000 was dedicated on Sunday, July the 15th. Ultimately this is to be used for Sunday-school purposes and a large auditorium will be built. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Chester P. Dorland, the pastor, and 34 persons were welcomed into fellowship, 19 on confession. Most of those who united on confession are the outcome of Decision Day in the Sunday-school.

Fields Landing.—The recent semi-annual business meeting showed substantial gains along nearly all lines. A call was extended Rev. C. M. DeBois for another year. The Ladies Aid has provided new carpet for the auditorium. The C. E. reported largest gains. They pay the rent on the parsonage and have carpeted the lecture room. We hope to start soon on a campaign for a parsonage. A sister church has donated some much needed song books. What chuch that has substituted individual communion set for old style will donate the later to us?

Washington.

Lowell.—The Rev. R. H. Parker, recently of Snohomish, Washington, has taken charge of the Congregational work at Lowell, between Snohomish and Everett. The church at Lowell was organized several years ago, but had had no regular services by a Congregational minister for a long time. Only four members remained when reorganization was contemplated. This was effected with a membership of 25. There are now 102 enrolled in the Sunday-school; 98 in the Christian Endeavor, and 55 in the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. The outlook is an encouraging one.

"Like warp and woof all destinies
Are woven fast,
Linked in sympathy like the keys
Of an organ vast.
Pluck one thread, and the web ye mar:
Break but one
Of a thousand keys, and the paining jar
Through all will run."

THE CALIFORNIA MOUNT HERMON.

The name "Mount Hermon" suggests a quiet town of our childhood days, or the place and school at Northfield, Massachusetts,made famous by D. L. Moody, or the snow-crowned mountain of Northern Palestine where, perhaps, our Lord was transfigured, where three men saw objectified in the Son of God the final glory of the sons of God, where heaven and earth talked together in human speech, and where the men wished to build houses of rest and there remain.

It was this meaning of the transfiguration scene which led to the choice of "Mount Hermon" as the name of this California "Northfield." We have "Saints" and Santas" affixed to our towns, and fanciful names for beautiful resorts. Among them all "Mount Hermon" stands alone in sober strength announcing a meeting place with the living Christ. There are four hundred acres of hill and valley, with streams and springs and forestry of redwood and pine, madrone, the bay tree, and all the other woods common to California. "Mount Hermon" is seventy-three miles from San Francisco, seven miles inland from Santa Cruz-by-the-sea.

The main event of the Summer Assemblies is the Bible Institute of three weeks duration, closing July 21. The events which follow are the days with Dr. R. A .Torrey, the Church Temperance Assembly, the Zayante Indian Conference, the Sunday-school convention, and, finally, August 20 to 25, a conference of Christian leaders gathered from Central California, with representatives from Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles and other cities of the coast, to join in thought and prayer and spiritual power to meet the excessive task imposed by earthquake and fire upon the Church of Central California. These several events will tell for the life and blessing of the Western world. The Bible and Missionary Institute now closing is notable for the strong Bible work being done. The Word held and taught as the genuine message from God to men has won pre-eminence over every other subject. Later, fuller reports will be given of the several events, and of the men and women who have made them notable. "Mount Hermon" is justifying its name. It is a strong, joyous, Christlike place. The Mount Hermon Association was organized seven months ago, to be a "Northfield" or "Winona" for the Coast. Its business foundations were shaken by the earthquake which shattered many solid enterprises, but the Association is recovering itself and is winning out in a fine and as a Christianizing power. Its first Assemblies are successful. God's blessing is on the enterprise. H. W. G.

The world has been enriched more through the poverty of its saints than by the wealth of millionaires. Francis of Assisi, Xavier, Thomas aKempis and Luther; the men whose hymns and words and achievements are the priceless heritage of the ages; the martyrs, confessors, reformers, prophets, teachers and leaders of men, have all been classed in that noble brotherhood which Peter represented when he became the medium through which the wealth of paradise passed into the common coinage of earth. These men have given blood, tears, spiritual impulses, faith, hope,love. What have you to give?—The Golden Rule.

Success and suffering are inseparable. If you are succeeding without suffering, it is because someone has suffered before you. If you are suffering without succeeding, it is that someone may succeed after you."—Edward Judson.

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